



*The Lutheran Church
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The Communicator



EPIPHANY

Spotlight: Church & Community

submitted by Ann Seppa

The Church & Community Committee hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

The Angel Tree gifts were delivered to all the children and the toys were delivered to Maggie's Christmas Store. Thank you to everyone who donated. Thanks to you, there were a lot of very happy children on Christmas morning.



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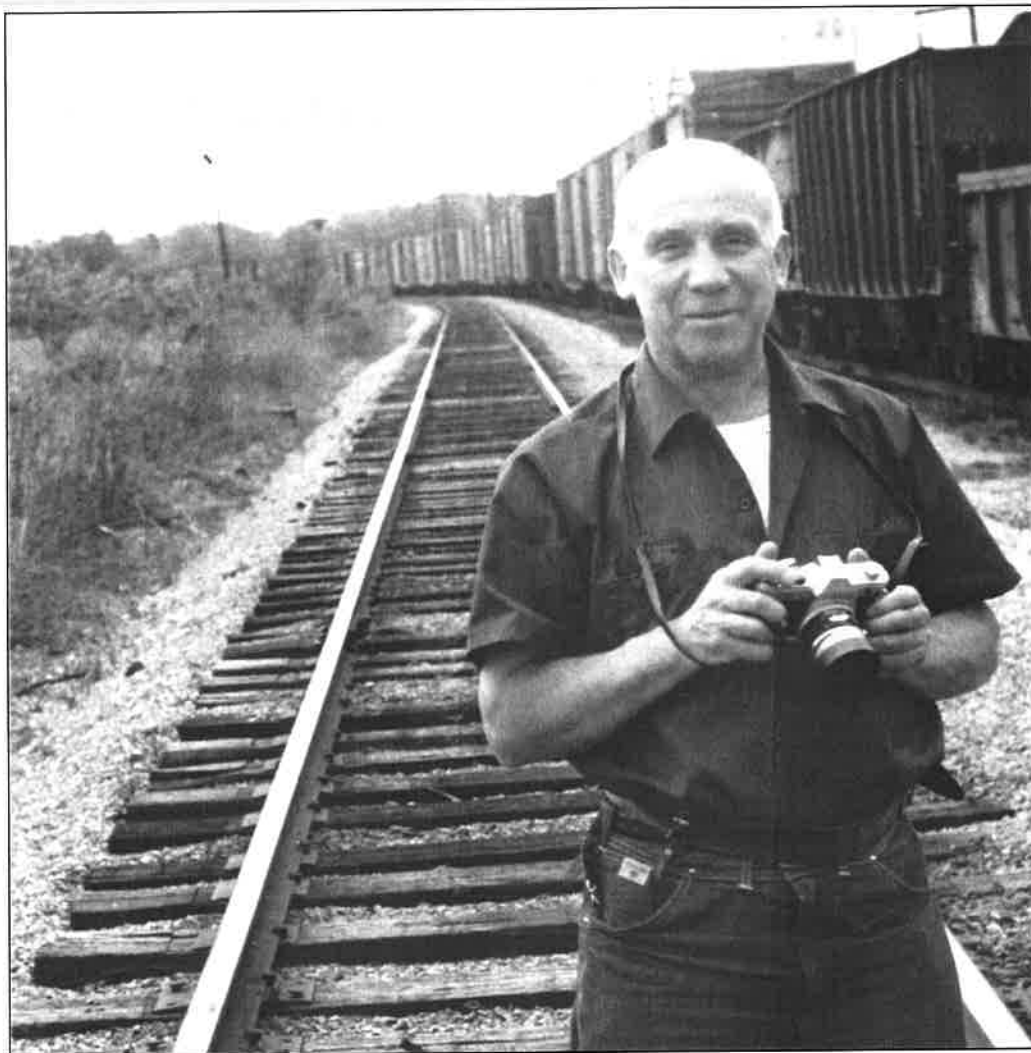


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Thomas Merton in his Book, *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*, writes of a crisis in the church in the 12th century, but he could have been writing about today: *“in a time of drastic change one can be too preoccupied with what is ending or too obsessed with what seems to be beginning. In either case one loses touch with the present and with its obscure but dynamic possibilities. What really matters is openness, readiness, attention, courage to face risk. You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith, and hope. In such an event, courage is the authentic form taken by love.”*

As we enter the new year we always want to look back, think about the past, what has or has not been accomplished. Maybe it's time we live in the present and recognize the gifts that God has given to us and the possibilities that lay before us. I believe that is what the New Year offers to us. There are indeed many challenges before us, questions about merger, questions about where we will be by the end of this year, they're all very present in our minds, but rather than arguing about them maybe it's time to embrace them and see what the challenges have to offer and what can come out of them.

Great opportunities are before us. God's hand and Holy Spirit will guide all our decisions and lead us to the place he wants us to be. In the words of one of my favorite hymns:

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
Our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
Our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
For all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
We bring our thanks for all that is to be.

May our Lord continue to bless you and hold you in his hands in the New Year!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joachim Wilek".

Property Management

submitted by Jerry Stich



We are in need of volunteers who can shovel and use the snow blower for the winter months. Our primary need would be keeping the front entrance sidewalks cleared and safe; cleaning the other entrances will be done as needed. For more details please speak with Ed Jarvis or Jerry Stich.

Congregational Life Committee (CLC)

submitted by Carol Werth

- We continue to keep in touch with our church family, particularly those who are homebound or ill. Please let Pastor or the office know if you have concerns, illness, or hospitalizations and need assistance.



- Most of our service leaders have just completed a CPR class which we hope is never needed at church. We have identified that the church is need or an AED (defibrillator). If anyone can help us acquire one, please let us know.
- We are pleased to welcome several lector volunteers from Reformation who will be readers for our joint services. And with great joy we received Andrew Krupnicki into membership on December 12th.
- Thank you to all who chose a name off the Angel Tree and provided gifts for 4 children. We would love to invite more people to participate as occasional Service Leaders. Please let Carol Werth know if you are interested.
- In an effort to keep the carpet as clean as possible we ask that you bring your prayers into church, but please **do not bring any food or drink** into the sanctuary.



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submitted by Ann Seppa

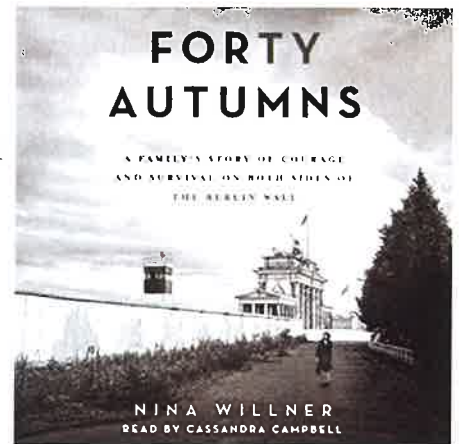
The Women of ELCA hope that everyone had a Blessed Christmas and New Year!

- A special thank you to AnnMarie MacBride for again opening up her beautiful home and hosting our Annual Christmas Party. Great fellowship, food and fun was had by all. We opened our “grab bag gifts,” and chose our Secret Pals for 2022.



- AnnMarie MacBride, Ann Seppa and Cheryl Stone will provide refreshment for fellowship on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

- As we continue our winter break, no meeting will be held in January. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, at Noon. Yvonne Dougherty will provide devotions. Please bring your own lunch. Debbie Frey will serve as hostess and will provide dessert and a beverage. At this meeting, we will be discussing the book, “Forty Autumns,” by Nina Willner.



- We are looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year. We must continue to pray for everyone’s health and safety.



Journalists and Photographers needed

- Do you like to take pictures or write about events? Then why not do so for your church. Our newsletter is in need of more copy. More photos of events, and more stories about what takes place under our roof. Next time you are at a church event consider taking a nice picture or submitting a paragraph about it.



Let's Celebrate!

January Birthdays

William Neal (Jan. 1)
Emily Yackel (Jan. 1)
Kendall Rae Austin (Jan. 2)
Shelly O'Connor Borrelli (Jan. 2)
Peter Sitter (Jan. 2)
Sharon Yackel (Jan. 3)
Nancy Austin (Jan. 5)
Madison Johnson (Jan. 5)
Jamie Mitchell (Jan. 5)
Allison Keller (Jan. 7)
Peggy Hamblin (Jan. 8)
Mary Voorhies (Jan. 8)
Jacob Doherty (Jan. 8)
Katherine Cuyler (Jan. 10)
Wendy Forrest (Jan. 12)
Michael Castrichini (Jan. 13)
James Grimes (Jan. 13)
Cynthia Borzilleri (Jan. 14)
Kyle Mochrie (Jan. 17)
Janie Hopkins (Jan. 17)
Katie Doherty (Jan. 19)
Joyce Tesch (Jan. 20)
Jacob Walberger (Jan. 21)
Richard Pearce (Jan. 23)
Kyle Wiesmore (Jan. 23)
Cassidy Wiesmore (Jan. 23)
Nicholas Sihto (Jan. 24)
Ryan Grimes (Jan. 25)
Thomas Oliver (Jan. 26)
Marcocello Loughlin (Jan. 27)
Jennifer Bonanno (Jan. 28)
Gary Perkins (Jan. 29)
Teliah Cramer (Jan. 29)
Dakota Francisco (Jan. 29)
Alfred Saucke (Jan. 30)
Helga Mitchell (Jan. 30)



Frederick and Leslie Brightman
(Jan. 30)

Is your name missing from the
birthday or anniversary list?
Is there a special date you would
like for us to publish in
the Communicator?
Please let us know and we will
add your
celebration to the list.



What's Happening in January

January 2nd

9:00 a.m. Modern Traditional Service
11:15 a.m. Traditional Service

January 3rd

6:30 p.m. Scouts BSA

January 5th

6:00 p.m. Youth Night & Confirmation

January 7th

1:00 p.m. Euchre Club

January 8th

9:00 a.m. German School

January 9th

9:00 a.m. Modern Traditional Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Traditional Service
12:15 p.m. Congregational Life Cmte.

January 10th

6:30 p.m. Scouts BSA

January 11th

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

January 12th

5:00 p.m. Group Task Force
6:00 p.m. Youth Night & Confirmation

January 13th

10:00 a.m. Worship Committee

January 14th

1:00 p.m. Euchre Club

January 15th

9:00 a.m. German School

January 16th

9:00 a.m. Modern Traditional Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Traditional Service

January 17th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
6:30 p.m. Church Council
6:30 p.m. Scouts BSA

January 18th

10:00 a.m. Bible Studay

January 19th

6:00 p.m. Youth Night & Confirmation

January 21st

1:00 p.m. Euchre Club
6:30 p.m. Murder Mystery Night

January 22nd

9:00 a.m. German School

January 23rd

9:00 a.m. Modern Traditional Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Traditional Service

January 24th

6:30 p.m. Scouts BSA

January 25th

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

January 26th

6:00 p.m. Youth Night & Confirmation

January 28th

1:00 p.m. Euchre Club

January 29th

9:00 a.m. German School

January 30th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Joint Service with Reformation
6:00 p.m. Congregational Annual Mtg.

January 31st

6:30 p.m. Scouts BSA



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